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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2020
Council Chambers, Room #140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd
Taylorsville, UT 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance-

Mayor Kristie Overson

Councilmembers Present-

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Vice Chair Brad Christopherson
Councilmember Daniel Armstrong
Councilmember Ernest Burgess
Councilmember Curt Cochran

Staff Members Present-

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Stephanie Shelman, Deputy City Attorney
Ben White, City Engineer

Others in attendance- None

Chair Harker conducted the briefing session which convened at 6:00 pm. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present except for Vice Chair Christopherson who arrived immediately thereafter.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council meeting was reviewed.

Councilmember Burgess explained that he had been in contact with the TransJordan Landfill which was now open Monday through Friday and accepting hazardous and electronic waste. The Waste Management Mountain View Landfill would be accepting hazardous waste again (such as engine oil) on Friday and Saturday only. Those taking items to that facility should expect long

wait times. He wished to ensure that residents did not dump their hazardous waste into the storm drain system.

Chair Harker mentioned that she wished to discuss communication amongst the councilmembers. She indicated that it would be helpful if councilmembers would respond to emails in a more timely fashion. Councilmember Armstrong pointed out it was challenging to do so when one was working. He encouraged fellow councilmembers and staff to contact him at his other email address when issues were time sensitive. The Chair also indicated it would be helpful to have emails acknowledged.

Chair Harker told those gathered that earlier in the day the Unified Fire Authority had saved a duck and her ducklings who had fallen down a grate. The Chair also mentioned that if Salt Lake County moved to the “green” risk level, movies could be presented on the west side of City Hall.

Regarding whether Taylorsville Dayzz would take place, Chair Harker had been in touch with Jim Dunnigan who explained that the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee would have an electronic meeting the following week, after which he hoped to have an update regarding the event.

Councilmember Cochran inquired about funding for recognition certificates in the tentative budget. Scott Harrington responded that they were a minimal expense and funds would be available.

2. Adjourn

Chair Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:12 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance

Mayor Kristie Overson

Councilmembers Present-

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Vice Chair Brad Christopherson
Council Member Dan Armstrong
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran

Staff Members Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Wayne Harper, Community/Economic Development Director
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

Mark McGrath, Senior Planner
Stephanie Shelman, Deputy City Attorney
Tracy Wyant, Unified Police Precinct Chief

Others in attendance- Lisa Butterfield, John E. Gidney, Marc McElreath, and Kevyn Smeltzer (electronically).

1. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – Councilmember Burgess

Councilmember Burgess lead the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a reverence.

Chair Harker read the following statement on behalf of the entire City Council and the City administration:

“As representatives of the City of Taylorsville, we want to express our continued commitment to serving all residents of our city, including individuals of every race, color and diverse national origins. We are here to represent and serve all those who live in Taylorsville, and we welcome the participation and contributions of everyone. Our city is at its best when we are all working together. We hope that the citizens of Taylorsville will keep reaching out to each other in kindness, respect, compassion and love. We are also grateful to our police officers who work daily to serve and protect our citizens, often putting their own safety and lives on the line to protect ours. We encourage all those who make up our community to continue to come together as neighbors and friends. We value that the City of Taylorsville is an inviting place where everyone is respected and can feel at home.”

1.2 Mayor’s Report

Mayor Overson expressed appreciation to all those employees including members of the Unified Police Department and Unified Fire Authority who attended an awards picnic recently in lieu of the banquet that had been cancelled due to COVID-19. She explained that the Firefighter Award of Excellence had been presented to Captain Brandon Boshard. Officer Orin Neal received the Unified Police Department Award of Excellence and this year there were two City employees who earned Awards of Excellence—Donny Gasu and Stephanie Snow. Mayor Overson expressed appreciation to the Council for supporting the event and to Chair Harker attending as well.

There were still some masks available if anyone in the audience needed to take any home to their families. She expressed appreciation to Chair Harker who had joined her in distributing masks to small businesses throughout Taylorsville.

Letters had been sent to religious organizations throughout the City, offering masks for their most vulnerable members. Although the Senior Center was still closed due to COVID-19, staff members were still providing meals for curbside pickup. Mayor Overson anticipated hearing more about that process from Lisa Butterfield when she made her presentation later in the meeting.

Opening ceremonies for girls' fast pitch softball had taken place the previous day at Vista Park. Health checks were conducted on all those present and both kids and parents all seemed excited to be involved in sports once again.

The Mayor explained that she had attended the recent Salt Lake County Council meeting and significant cuts were being made to that budget. Specifically, TRCC (Tourism, Recreation, Culture and Convention) funds were severely limited. Projects which had been approved but not yet funded were now on hold. Fourteen of the 17 applications submitted for those funds had been denied. Taylorsville's Open Space project was one of the three that had not yet been cut. She commended staff for their hard work which had kept the project moving forward.

Mayor Overson expressed her concern regarding the long-term sustainability of the UPD. She acknowledged that officer compensation had always been one of her top priorities as well as that of the entire City Council. However, almost half of Taylorsville's entire budget (47%) went to the UPD contract for police services. Because of that, she and City administration were looking very carefully at UPD's tentative budget and had submitted a list of questions to the Sheriff and her team, as well as the Salt Lake County Council. They would be submitted to the UPD Board the following day and Mayor Overson emphasized that the City needed answers to those questions. The UPD budget was expected to be finalized during the third week of June. The Mayor ended her remarks by expressing her great respect and appreciation for the men and women in the Taylorsville precinct.

1.3 Citizen Comments

There was no one present who wished to speak and no comments had been submitted via email.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments

3. REPORTS

3.1 Senior Center Report – *Lisa Butterfield*

Lisa Butterfield pointed out that the Senior Center had now been closed since March 13th. The Staff was providing meals for curbside pickup, and approximately 70 people

were using the services. Frozen meals were also now being offered on Friday to sustain some seniors through the weekend. Because some of the meal recipients had tested positive for COVID-19, the Senior Center staff were taking every precaution to protect their health and to limit further transmission. Many calls had been received from seniors who were anxious for the Center to reopen and Ms. Butterfield indicated she had no idea when that would happen.

Ms. Butterfield described some of the activities the Center was organizing in order to give clients something positive to think about. These included trivia games, puzzles and providing ideas for light exercises that could be done at home. Her staff had begun making “wellness” telephone calls. Some clients indicated they were fine and no longer wished to receive the calls. But for others, the meals and calls were currently their only human contact and the calls increased in length as her staff realized the need for conversation that some clients were exhibiting. Approximately 1400 weekly phone calls were being made from the various Senior Centers in Salt Lake County. The Taylorsville center was making just under 400 calls per week. The Center had gained 58 members while being closed including many individuals who had re-activated their memberships during this time of crisis.

Chair Harker expressed appreciation to Ms. Butterfield and her Staff for their hard work and creativity in coming up with ways to assist Taylorsville’s seniors.

3.2 Salt Lake County Public Works – Kevyn Smeltzer

Kevyn Smeltzer appeared electronically and explained his department’s involvement with the senior centers since COVID-19-- delivering blankets, sanitizer and personal protective equipment. He pointed out that his staff had been working full time throughout the pandemic and were doing all they could to stay safe and healthy by wearing face coverings, etc.

Mr. Smeltzer had provided two maps for the agenda packet. One depicted the area of an upcoming slurry seal project that would take place later in the year. The second map was an overlay project which had been completed except for Surrey Road which would be completed once funds were available.

The barricades on 3200 West were ready to be moved so that would begin in the next week and would involve shutting down one travel lane. It would take 3-4 days.

Vice Chair Christopherson asked when the two new crosswalks with solar signs would be installed. Mr. Smeltzer indicated he would find out and would get back to the Council. City Engineer Ben White indicated that the posts for the bases were in for one of the crosswalks.

3.3 Budget Committee Report– Lynn Handy

In Mr. Handy's absence, Councilmember Armstrong offered a brief synopsis of the Budget Committee's recent meeting. The Committee was happy with what was presented in the budget and pleased that it did not include a tax increase. The committee was aware, however, that the budget would remain a moving target throughout the coming year because of the effect of the pandemic on the economy. Councilmember Armstrong expressed appreciation to the committee for the amount of time they spent examining the City's tentative budget.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting May 20, 2020

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Vice Chair Christopherson	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Gateway Signs Discussion

Mark McGrath reminded the Council that they had asked for gateway signage to be updated without spending as much money as was originally estimated. This summer, Staff hoped to address signage at the following locations:

- 5400 South Redwood Road intersection
- Cabana Park
- South entrance at Taylorsville Park/Senior Center
- Gateway sign near 4800 South near the Jordan River
- Valley Regional Park (removing the sign)

Regarding the current gateway signage at 5400 South Redwood, Mr. McGrath had visited YESCO's manufacturing plant and learned how much signage technology had evolved. He asked YESCO to explore possibilities for applying that technology to the city's signage.

Mr. McGrath pointed out that Mayor Overson had asked that the landscaping at 5400 South Redwood be upgraded in addition to the signs. He was working with a landscaper to choose colorful flowering plants with long blooming seasons that were also relatively drought-tolerant

Chair Harker asked how the flowers would be watered and if water conservation had been considered. Mr. McGrath responded that there was an existing spray system and that if

potted plants were added, a drip system might be required. All the plants and flowers chosen would be “water wise.”

There were a multitude of utility boxes at the intersection and he was interested in exploring the possibility of “wrapping” them or adding some sort of more aesthetically pleasing treatment to the boxes.

Regarding Cabana Park, a standard park sign would be placed at a 45-degree angle so it would be visible from both streets.

At the south entrance of Taylorsville Park, the older sign would be updated with the current logo and would advertise both the Senior Center and the park itself.

The gateway sign at 4800 South near the Jordan River was within Murray City limits so staff anticipated moving it to this side of the Taylorsville boundary. Additionally, there was a private sign on public property, so staff was considering removing that and replacing it with a gateway sign. Clear-view restrictions limited placement options, however. It was possible some “trash” trees would need to be removed or at least trimmed. Wherever the new sign was ultimately placed, it would be similar to the sign on 4100 South 2700 West.

Finally, Mr. McGrath explained that staff recommended removing the small sign in front of the recreation center on 2700 West. It was in very poor condition and there were three newer signs that had been installed by Salt Lake County. Mayor Overson had suggested putting the historical plaque on the inner facia of the pavilion so that it would be less vulnerable to vandalism.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 20-17- A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville adopting the Final budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 –*Scott Harrington*

Mr. Harrington explained that in response to the Council’s feedback at the previous meeting, he had restored the Arts Council funding back to \$15,000, adjusted the Unified Police contract somewhat and adjusted the Salt Lake County Public Works contract amount down. Overall, there was a change of about \$7,400-\$7,500 in total.

Vice Chair Christopherson asked about the March sales tax receipts. Mr. Harrington responded that despite two weeks of pandemic during March, the revenue for the month was up.

John Taylor pointed out that a decrease had been projected for March and not only was there an increase in the March receipts, there was also an increase over March 2019. He agreed the trend was not expected to continue.

Vice Chair Christopherson indicated he still wished to return \$100,000 in overtime funds to the UPD contract. The Council and staff discussed the matter at length. Chief Wyant suggested earmarking the funds for that purpose but maintaining them within the City's budget unless/until they were needed.

A majority of the Council agreed that \$100,000 should be added back to the budget for police overtime.

Mr. Harrington did a quick calculation and indicated that with that change, the budget total would be \$22,447, 047.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution 20-17, adopting the Final Budget for the fiscal year as amended to \$22,447,047. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Christopherson.

Mr. Taylor indicated it was his understanding that the \$100,000 added back into the budget was to go to the City's public safety budget and not to be added to the Unified Police contract. The Council agreed that was their intent.

Vice Chair Christopherson	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 20-19- A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville consenting to a third extension of the Local State of Emergency proclaimed in response to COVID-19 – *Tracy Cowdell*

In Mr. Cowdell's absence, Stephanie Shelman reminded the Council that the Mayor's authority only allowed her to declare a Local State of Emergency for thirty days. Any extension of that time required approval of the City Council who thus far had issued two extensions. The most recent extension expired that evening, so it was necessary for the City Council to decide whether they wished to extend the Local State of Emergency and if so, for how long. The resolution that had been prepared would extend it until the next regular Council meeting which would be on June 17, 2020.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 20-19 as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Christopherson.

Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes

Vice Chair Christopherson **Yes**
Councilmember Cochran **Yes**

The motion passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

Mayor Overson pointed out that the City Council typically met only once each July. She wondered if the Council wished to continue that tradition. After some discussion, it was determined that the administration and staff would make every effort to handle most matters on July 1st in case the Council wished to cancel the July 15th meeting. However, they were not yet prepared to do so. Additionally, it was agreed there would be a *Let's Talk Taylorsville* meeting on July 29th.

8.1 Vice-Chair Christopherson – nothing for subsequent consideration

8.2 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Member Armstrong – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.5 Council Chair Harker – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETING (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm with a regular meeting afterwards

9.2 City Council Briefing Session –Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm

9.3 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm

9.4 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm

9.5 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

There were no upcoming events to discuss although Chair Harker pointed out that could change. She suggested residents keep an eye on the City website and social media regarding Taylorsville Dayzz and outdoor movies at City Hall.

11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room #202) – *For the purposes described in UCA §52-4-205.*

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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June 3, 2020

Jamie Brooks, CMC
City Recorder

Minutes Approved: June 17, 2020